



# CLASSIC JOURNEYS

THE WORLD'S FINEST WALKING TOURS

## Amalfi Coast

Positano & the Isle of Capri





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*Classic Journeys  
provides unbeatable  
access to experiences  
around the globe.”*

TRAVEL + LEISURE

## Walking Italy's Most Spectacular Coastline

Approaching the Amalfi Coast, you'll face a startling sight —gleaming villas clinging with no visible foothold to the sheer cliffs. You have to ask yourself how...why? But when you swing open the shutters in your cliffside hotel room, the stunning view is all the answer you need. Situated on the "ankle" of the Italian boot, Amalfi has a balmy climate. Orange trees line village streets. Breezy seaside footpaths around Positano (with names like 'The Path of the Gods') encourage cinematic walks that are perfect for absorbing the atmosphere. Settle in for two days on the glorious island of Capri and explore Pompeii as you experience Amalfi in the best way — on foot and at eye level in the company of an Italian friend who knows the ins and outs of life on the edge of the sea.

DAY 1 »

## Pompeii

- Explore Pompeii's hidden gems with an expert archaeologist, uncovering ancient Roman life
- Savor authentic Neapolitan cuisine at a local trattoria, tasting regional specialties

Meet in vibrant Naples, where your perfectly sited hotel overlooks the stunning Bay of Naples and the imposing fortress. Founded by Greek settlers in the 8th century BC, Naples has a fascinating history dating back to ancient times. This afternoon, you'll step back in time as you explore the remarkably preserved ruins of Pompeii. You'll join an archaeologist who leads you on a privately guided walk through the cobblestone streets of this ancient Roman city, frozen in time by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. You'll venture beyond the typical tourist paths, discovering hidden villas and lesser-known areas of the site. As you walk, your guide will bring the city's rich history to life, pointing out intricate frescoes, ancient graffiti, and the haunting plaster casts of Pompeii's last inhabitants.

Returning to Naples in the late afternoon, you'll have time to unwind at your waterfront hotel. Take a leisurely stroll along the picturesque promenade, breathing in the salty sea air and admiring the views of Vesuvius looming in the distance. As the sun sets, dinner is at a local trattoria, where you'll savor authentic Neapolitan cuisine. The rich culinary history of Naples and the Amalfi Coast is deeply rooted in centuries-old traditions, reflecting the region's unique geography and cultural influences. From hearty pasta dishes to fresh seafood specialties, each bite offers a delicious lesson in local history and culture, showcasing the integral role food plays in understanding the essence of this captivating region.

MEALS: D

OVERNIGHT: NAPLES

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 2 »

## Capri

- Discover Capri's hidden gems on expertly guided coastal walks with breathtaking views
- Explore historic trails once walked by emperors and world leaders

After breakfast, board a hydrofoil for a brief skim across the bay to the Isle of Capri, where you'll have the incomparable luxury of calling it your home away from home for the next two nights. From the dock, enjoy the views from your convertible as your driver whisks you up to the piazetta, the little square that is the heart of Capri's pedestrian village and just a few steps from your hotel.

Your first look at the island is one many tourists never see. Join your guide on a walk along cobblestone lanes and coastal paths to hidden lookouts that offer panoramic views over the flower-bedecked terraces of the Gardens of Augustus. Tracing the flower and lemon-tree lined paths back to the village, you'll have time to linger over an outdoor lunch or do some shopping on your own. Continue your explorations on a walk with breathtaking views of the Faraglioni, the towering rock formations that seem to erupt from the sea. From your high-up vantage point, you'll discover that the water is so crystalline that the yachts cast visible shadows on the seabed. You follow in famous footsteps on these trails that were used by the Emperor Tiberius, and even Eisenhower and Churchill who met here secretly to coordinate Allied efforts during World War II.

MEALS: B

OVERNIGHT: CAPRI

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 3 »

## Capri

- Ascend Monte Solaro by chairlift for breathtaking views of Naples, Vesuvius, and the Tyrrhenian Sea
- Explore Anacapri's charming streets and browse its renowned handcrafted goods

Your day begins with a cinematic ascent to Monte Solaro from Anacapri, Capri's other main village. As you glide up the chairlift, you'll find yourself so close to the island's natural beauty and local life that your feet almost graze the fruit trees in the gardens below. At the summit, breathtaking panoramas unfold before you. The sweeping arc of the bay, Naples nestled at its edge, and the iconic silhouette of Vesuvius create a stunning tableau. Your gaze will also be drawn to the Amalfi Peninsula and the impossibly blue Tyrrhenian Sea stretching to the horizon. The awe-inspiring vistas continue as you embark on a walk along ancient shepherds' paths, winding through serene meadows carpeted with wild herbs and flowers. As you descend towards Anacapri, you'll encounter grazing goats nibbling on the fragrant vegetation, offering a glimpse into the island's timeless pastoral life.

Arriving in Anacapri, you'll explore this charming hilltop town on foot, immersing yourself in its sunny island tempo as you meander through narrow streets. Anacapri is renowned for its handcrafted treasures, including bespoke leather sandals and artistic ceramics proudly displayed in quaint local shops. After browsing at your leisure, you'll return to Capri village in the early afternoon. Here, you can savor a Negroni on a terrace in the pedestrian-only piazzetta, luxuriate in your hotel's amenities, or explore the elegant boutiques that remain open well into the evening. As day-trippers depart, you'll experience Capri's tranquil evening ambiance, a perfect way to conclude your day on this enchanting island.

MEALS: B,D

OVERNIGHT: CAPRI

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

#### DAY 4 »

## Positano

- Explore picturesque Positano with a local guide, discovering hidden gems and artisan shops
- Experience breathtaking coastal views on a curated walk along ancient clifftop paths

Your day begins with a quintessential Mediterranean breakfast of seasonal fruit, warm breads, and local cheeses, accompanied by a rich cappuccino. Fortified, you set out to explore the world-famous seaside village of Positano, a place that John Steinbeck once described as a "dream place" that "bites deep." As you arrive in Positano, you're immediately struck by the cobalt blue waters and the picturesque cascade of pastel-colored houses clinging to the cliffside. Your expert local guide leads you through the village's narrow, winding streets, sharing insights into its rich history and unique culture. You'll have time to explore on your own, perhaps browsing the boutiques of local artisans known for their handmade shoes, unique fashions, and exquisite local art. Don't forget to indulge in a creamy gelato as you soak in the village's enchanting atmosphere.

In the afternoon, you'll gain a new perspective on the Amalfi Coast as you embark on a spectacularly scenic coastal walk. This curated trek takes you along ancient footpaths with names like "The Path of the Gods," offering breathtaking panoramas of the coastline's dramatic cliffs, hidden coves, and charming villages. As you traverse this cinematic landscape, you'll understand why these trails have captivated locals and visitors for centuries.

As the sun sets, savor a special Perfect Pairings dinner, where a talented local chef crafts a multi-course meal using the freshest regional ingredients, each dish thoughtfully paired with wines from the area.

MEALS: B, D

OVERNIGHT: POSITANO

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

#### DAY 5 »

## The Sorrentine Peninsula

- Create authentic Neapolitan pizza at an organic farm, learning traditional techniques from locals
- Explore Positano's culinary scene, dining at your choice of charming local trattorie

Your day begins with our favorite walk along the Sorrentine Peninsula. You'll follow a picturesque footpath that winds through fragrant chestnut groves and pine forests, passing by charming homes and lush gardens bursting with seasonal fruits and vegetables. This curated walk immerses you in the authentic rural life of the region, far from the typical tourist routes.

The trail leads you to an organic farm nestled in the hills above Sorrento. Here, your hosts warmly welcome you for a hands-on, traditional Neapolitan pizza-making experience. Under their expert guidance, you'll dive into the art of crafting the perfect pizza, starting with the freshest ingredients. You'll learn the secrets of making mozzarella from scratch, feeling the satisfaction of transforming milk into creamy, delicate cheese. Then, with flour-dusted hands, you'll toss your own pizza dough, carefully applying your chosen toppings before sliding your creation into an authentic wood-fired oven. The result is a masterpiece of flavor that you'll savor with pride, paired perfectly with their local wine.

In the mid-afternoon, you return to Positano, where you can relax by the hotel's inviting swimming pool, soaking in the coastal views. As evening approaches, you're free to explore Positano's culinary scene on your own. The village boasts numerous fine trattorie, each offering its own take on regional specialties. Whether you choose a seafront restaurant with sweeping views or a cozy spot tucked away in the winding streets, you're sure to end your day with a memorable meal.

MEALS: B, L

OVERNIGHT: POSITANO

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART

DAY 6 »

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## Ravello

- Walk ancient paths through lemon groves and dramatic valleys to Ravello
- Explore Villa Cimbrone's gardens and the breathtaking Terrace of Infinity

Ravello is a gem perched high on a ridge overlooking the coastline. But rather than simply arriving by car, you'll embark on a spectacular walk that showcases the region's natural beauty and rich agricultural heritage. Setting out from above the Maiori and Minori valleys, you'll follow ancient footpaths through the renowned lemon groves of the Amalfi Coast. The trail meanders through the dramatic Valle del Dragone, where lush green landscapes contrast strikingly with the deep blue Mediterranean Sea. As you walk, you'll pass by olive and chestnut trees, and traditional stone walls separating family plots. You might even encounter a local farmer with his mule, a timeless scene that has played out for generations on these mountain paths.

As you approach Ravello, medieval buildings appear on one side of the trail, while breathtaking coastal vistas unfold on the other. Your journey culminates at the magnificent Villa Cimbrone, where you'll explore its renowned gardens with your expert guide. The villa's crowning glory is the "Belvedere dell'Infinito" (Terrace of Infinity), offering what many consider the most spectacular view on the entire Amalfi Coast. After immersing yourself in Villa Cimbrone's beauty and history, you'll have time to enjoy Ravello's charming main square. Here, you can savor a leisurely lunch, perhaps accompanied by a cappuccino or Aperol spritz, and browse the town's famous ceramic shops. As the afternoon draws to a close, you'll return to Naples.

MEALS: B

DAILY MILEAGE OPTIONS: SEE CURATED WALKS CHART



## Tour Hotels



### [Grand Hotel Vesuvio](#)

Built in 1882, the Grand Hotel Vesuvio is centrally located on the waterfront, overlooking Santa Lucia Harbor and the Bay of Naples. The atmosphere of an old-world hotel gracefully combines with all the modern comforts and personalized services.

**NIGHTS:** 1 nights



### [Grand Hotel Quisisana](#)

The 'Quisi' is THE hotel in Capri. Grand and gracious, it's been named one of the World's Top 100 Hotels by both Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure. Its staid façade on the town square gives way to a hugely glamorous pool overlooking the sea.

**NIGHTS:** 2 nights



### [Le Agavi](#)

This beautiful 5-star hotel is built into a cliff overlooking the bay of Positano and boasts a sea-view restaurant and private beach. The appointed guest rooms have their own balcony or terrace from where to enjoy wonderful views of Positano and the sea.

**NIGHTS:** 2 nights

# Curated Walks

### CONNECT. ON FOOT. AT EYE LEVEL.

Join us to walk the most cinematic footpaths in a region. With thoughtfully curated walks that are about so much more than just counting miles. Yes, it's likely that your Fitbit or Apple watch will buzz when you hit your step count. But you probably won't notice because your soul will be buzzing from the connections you make with the people and place. Each day, we'll offer you one or two walks. Each walk is generally between an hour or two in duration. And our support vehicles are often nearby and add to your flexibility. Choose one or both to curate the right amount of walking for you each day. It's why Forbes magazine calls our tours their 'Luxury Walking Favorite'.

### CURATE YOUR OWN MILEAGE OPTIONS EACH DAY

	MINIMUM	AVERAGE	MAXIMUM
Day 1	1	2	3
Day 2	2.5	5	6.5
Day 3	2.5	5	7
Day 4	3	4	6
Day 5	2.5	5	6
Day 6	2	3.5	4.5

\*No scheduled walks

### ROUTE NOTES

The terrain on this trip includes a mix of paved and cobblestone streets in Naples, Capri, Sorrento and the Amalfi villages, as well as well-maintained countryside and coastal trails, terraced vineyard and shepherds' paths of compressed dirt and stone. Generally, we follow footpaths on terraced sections of the hillsides, although there are times when the footpaths will follow the slope of a hillside via stairs that are carved from the rock and there will be some elevation gain and loss.

### THE ART OF THE UNPLANNED:

#### CRAFTING UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

We've carefully crafted each day's walking adventures with our expert local guides. Your daily itinerary serves as a well-thought-out plan, and we empower our tour leaders to adapt to unexpected opportunities or challenges. Whether it's an impromptu local invitation or a weather-related change, we're adept at making adjustments. So, while your experience may closely follow the itinerary, it might also include some variations. In essence, we invite you to "expect the unexpected" – knowing that our promise is to provide you the most genuine and authentic walking tours in the world.

## Arrival & Departure

### → ARRIVAL DETAILS

LOCATION: Lobby of Grand Hotel Vesuvio  
CITY: Naples, Italy  
TIME: 12:30 PM

### → DEPARTURE DETAILS

LOCATION: Train Station  
CITY: Naples, Italy  
TIME: 6:30 PM

## The Classic Journeys Difference

- ▶ **CURATED WALKS THAT LEAD TO 'ONLY WITH CLASSIC JOURNEYS' EXPERIENCES**
  - Immerse and connect you across cultures as you explore on foot
- ▶ **EXCEPTIONAL LOCAL GUIDES**
  - Bring authentic experiences to life
- ▶ **ENCHANTING ACCOMMODATIONS**
  - Where luxury and local mean you feel at home
- ▶ **EAT LIKE (& WITH) THE LOCALS**
  - Local flavors and time to savor the moments together
- ▶ **SMALL GROUPS, GUARANTEED**
  - Mean deeper, richer experiences while making friends along the way
- ▶ **REGENERATIVE TRAVEL**
  - We take strides to preserve cultures, traditions, and nature

## What's Included

- Accommodations for 5 nights
- All breakfasts, 1 lunch (cooking instruction), 3 dinners
- Full-time experienced guide(s) who are with you throughout the trip and handle behind-the-scenes logistics
- Admissions to tastings, historic sites and other scheduled events as noted in the detailed daily itinerary
- Gratuities for hotels, meals, and baggage
- All land transportation during the trip

## Above & Beyond Benefits

### ▶ WINE ON US

In many regions, we uncork wonderful local wines at every dinner on us.

### ▶ INVISIBLE CHECK-IN

When your group arrives, we whisk you and your bags to your room immediately.

### ▶ PRIVILEGED ACCESS EVENTS

One-of-a-kind access to remarkable people, places and activities arranged just for you.

### ▶ PERFECT PAIRINGS DINNERS

A special dinner prepared by one of our favorite chefs with a procession of wines tailored to each course.

## Enhancing Your Journey

We're constantly seeking ways to improve your experience. Count on us to update you with any significant changes before departure. Minor adjustments may be communicated by your guides during the trip to ensure you have the best possible journey.